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In re Application of Lixin L. Xue, et al			
Application Number 09/839760		Filed April 20, 2001	
For CIGARETTE FILTERS OF SHAPED MICRO CAVITY FIBERS IMPREGNATED WITH FLAVORANT MATERIALS			
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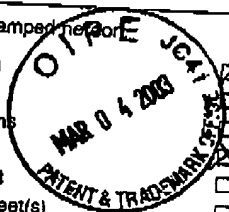
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